

BILLS REFERRED TODAY

**Monday
March 9, 2015**

Committee referral on the following:

SJR 39 Fraser

Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit professional sports team charitable foundations to conduct charitable raffles.

Natural Resources & Economic Development

SJR 40 Zaffirini

Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran who died before the law authorizing a residence homestead exemption for such a veteran took effect.

Finance

SCR 20 Hall

Urging the United States Congress to provide Department of Homeland Security funds for the protection of the Texas electric grid.

Natural Resources & Economic Development

SCR 22 Seliger

Designating Quitaque as the official Bison Capital of Texas.

Administration

SB 20 Nelson

Relating to state agency contracting.

Finance

SB 201 Nelson

Relating to the efficiency and consolidation of powers and duties within the health and human services system.

Health & Human Services

SB 202 Nelson/ Birdwell/ Campbell/ Hinojosa/ Schwertner

Relating to the Department of State Health Services, the provision of health services in this state, and the regulation of certain health-related occupations and activities.

Health & Human Services

SB 204 Hinojosa/ Birdwell/ Campbell/ Nelson/ Schwertner

Relating to the functions and operations of the Department of Aging and Disability Services; increasing penalties.

Health & Human Services

SB 206 Schwertner/ Birdwell/ Campbell/ Hinojosa/ Nelson

Relating to the functions of the Department of Family and Protective Services and procedures applicable to suits affecting the parent-child relationship, investigations of child abuse and neglect, and conservatorship of a child; affecting fee amounts and authorizing an administrative penalty.

Health & Human Services

SB 212 Birdwell/ Campbell/ Hinojosa/ Nelson/ Schwertner

Relating to the abolishment of the Texas Council on Purchasing from People with Disabilities and the transfer of its functions to the comptroller of public accounts.

Health & Human Services

SB 890 Rodríguez

Relating to restricting the use of administrative segregation by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for certain inmates.

Criminal Justice

SB 891 Rodríguez

Relating to the operations of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, including conditions of confinement of certain inmates and required training for correctional officers employed by the department.

Criminal Justice

SB 892 Seliger

Relating to educator preparation programs and teacher certification examinations.

Education

SB 893 Seliger/ Campbell

Relating to public school teacher performance appraisals, continuing education, professional development, career advancement, and compensation.

Education

SB 894 Taylor, Larry

Relating to the state virtual school network.

Education

SB 895 Taylor, Larry

Relating to state interventions and sanctions against public school campuses with unacceptable performance and the establishment of the Texas Opportunity School District.

Education

SB 896 Garcia

Relating to the creation of the East Houston Management District; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, or taxes.

Intergovernmental Relations

SB 897 Taylor, Van

Relating to the verification of citizenship of an applicant for voter registration.

State Affairs

SB 898 Fraser

Relating to charitable raffles conducted by certain professional sports team charitable foundations; providing penalties.

Natural Resources & Economic Development

SB 899 Eltife

Relating to the regulation of money services businesses; affecting the prosecution of a criminal offense.

Business & Commerce

**SB 900 Taylor, Larry/ Creighton/
Kolkhorst/ Lucio**

Relating to the operation of the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association and the renaming of the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association as the Texas Coastal Insurance Association.

Business & Commerce

SB 901 Eltife

Relating to the amount of temporary income benefits to which an injured employee is entitled under the workers' compensation system.

Business & Commerce

SB 902 Taylor, Van

Relating to the disclosure of certain public information by a public school district.

Business & Commerce

- SB 903** **Hancock**
 Relating to procedures for the management, sale, or lease of certain state-owned real property and the management or collection of related funds, including disputed oil and gas royalties owed to the state.
Business & Commerce
- SB 904** **Hinojosa**
 Relating to exempting emergency preparation supplies from the sales and use tax for a limited period.
Finance
- SB 905** **Hinojosa**
 Relating to the appointment of a county auditor in certain populous counties.
Intergovernmental Relations
- SB 906** **Hinojosa**
 Relating to increasing the optional county fee for registering a motor vehicle.
Transportation
- SB 907** **Perry**
 Relating to the powers and duties of the board of regents of the Texas Tech University System and to workers' compensation coverage for employees of the system's components.
Higher Education
- SB 908** **Zaffirini**
 Relating to establishment and functions of the Animal Welfare Commission.
Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs
- SB 909** **Zaffirini**
 Relating to the county courts at law in Bexar County.
State Affairs
- SB 910** **Zaffirini**
 Relating to the exemption from ad valorem taxation of the total appraised value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran.
Finance
- SB 911** **Zaffirini**
 Relating to the eligibility for grants for natural gas fueling stations under the Texas natural gas vehicle grant program.
Natural Resources & Economic Development
- SB 912** **Eltife**
 Relating to a volume-based exemption from reporting requirements for certain accidental discharges or spills from wastewater facilities.
Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs
- SB 913** **Zaffirini**
 Relating to energy and water management planning and reporting requirements for state agencies and institutions of higher education.
Business & Commerce
- SB 914** **Kolkhorst**
 Relating to a council on long-term care facility surveys and informal dispute resolution.
Health & Human Services
- SB 915** **Kolkhorst**
 Relating to the textbook affordability pilot program and to certain studies and reports by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board regarding achievable cost-saving measures and the use and availability of electronic, public domain, and open source textbooks at institutions of higher education
Higher Education
- SB 916** **Seliger**
 Relating to the creation of a program to improve public education through partnerships between certain public school campuses and public universities.
Education

SB 917 **Seliger**
Relating to the applicability of the Texas Mass Gatherings Act to certain horse and greyhound races.
Intergovernmental Relations

SB 918 **Nichols**
Relating to the procedure for claiming an exemption from ad valorem taxation of the property of a veteran's organization.
Finance

SB 919 **Fraser**
Relating to oil and gas wells that traverse multiple tracts.
Natural Resources & Economic Development

SB 920 **Watson**
Relating to the director of the Music, Film, Television, and Multimedia Office.
Natural Resources & Economic Development

SB 921 **Watson**
Relating to the creation and administration of a disaster recovery fund.
Natural Resources & Economic Development

SB 922 **Watson**
Relating to authorizing the optional imposition of a county air quality fee at the time other emissions-related inspection fees are collected.
Natural Resources & Economic Development

SB 923 **Watson**
Relating to the prosecution of the offense of obstruction or retaliation; creating a criminal offense.
Criminal Justice

SB 924 **Watson**
Relating to the guaranteed level of state and local funds for the instructional facilities allotment and the existing debt allotment under the public school finance system.
Education

SB 925 **Kolkhorst**
Relating to providing training academies for public school teachers who provide reading instruction to students in kindergarten through grade three.
Education

SB 926 **Creighton**
Relating to the compelled production of certain customer records by a financial institution.
Business & Commerce

SB 927 **Rodríguez**
Relating to the classification of workers for purposes of the Texas Unemployment Compensation Act; providing a penalty.
Natural Resources & Economic Development

SB 928 **Lucio**
Relating to the abolition of the equine incentive program.
Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs

SB 929 **Fraser**
Relating to building energy efficiency performance standards; establishing the Building Energy Efficiency Advisory Committee.
Natural Resources & Economic Development

SB 930 **Fraser**
Relating to procedures and eligibility for terminating participation in the Teacher Retirement System of Texas deferred retirement option plan.
State Affairs

SB 931 **Fraser**

Relating to the goal for renewable energy and competitive renewable energy zones.
Natural Resources & Economic Development

SB 932 **Fraser**
Relating to the authority of the Public Utility Commission of Texas to retain assistance for federal proceedings affecting certain electric utilities and consumers.
Natural Resources & Economic Development

SB 933 **Fraser**
Relating to the authority of the Public Utility Commission of Texas to review transmission interconnections that enable imports or exports from the ERCOT power grid.
Natural Resources & Economic Development

SB 934 **Kolkhorst**
Relating to providing training academies for public school teachers who provide mathematics instruction to students in kindergarten through grade three.
Education

SB 935 **Kolkhorst**
Relating to the establishment of reading excellence teams.
Education

SB 936 **Kolkhorst**
Relating to the eligibility for supplemental nutrition assistance benefits for certain persons who owe delinquent child support.
Health & Human Services

SB 937 **Kolkhorst**
Relating to nontolled lanes on a highway that has been converted from a nontolled highway to a toll project.
Transportation

SB 938 **Kolkhorst**
Relating to the exercise of eminent domain by a toll project entity.
Transportation

SB 939 **Kolkhorst**
Relating to disclosure of financial studies and reports associated with a toll project.
Transportation

SB 940 **Taylor, Van**
Relating to the notification and reporting duties of a state governmental entity with public retirement system investment holdings in Sudan or Iran.
State Affairs

SB 941 **Creighton**
Relating to the standard of review for a determination of standing in a contested case hearing conducted by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.
Natural Resources & Economic Development

SB 942 **Estes/ Ellis**
Relating to warrants or orders issued to obtain certain information through installation or use of global positioning system wireless device trackers, international mobile subscriber identity locators, or other devices or equipment, and to public access to law enforcement or prosecutor requests for certain related location or communication information; creating an offense.
State Affairs

SB 943 **Rodríguez**
Relating to contempt of court committed by certain juvenile offenders and the detention of certain juvenile offenders.
Criminal Justice

SB 944 **Rodríguez**

Relating to the establishment of a task force to promote uniformity in the collection and reporting of information relating to family violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking.

Criminal Justice

SB 945 Taylor, Larry

Relating to funding under the public school finance system for a school district with a compressed tax rate below the state maximum compressed tax rate.

Education

SB 946 Creighton

Relating to the creation of the Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 145; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

Intergovernmental Relations

SB 947 Zaffirini/ Rodríguez/ Watson

Relating to a study and report by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board on the feasibility of providing off-campus employment positions through the Texas college work-study program.

Higher Education

SB 948 Taylor, Van

Relating to mediation as an alternative dispute resolution process.

State Affairs

SB 949 Uresti

Relating to the release of certain child fatality and near fatality information for abused or neglected children.

Health & Human Services

SB 950 Uresti

Relating to certain procedural measures in a suit affecting a parent-child relationship to protect a child against child neglect or physical or sexual abuse.

State Affairs

SB 951 Uresti

Relating to allocation of oil and gas lease and royalty payments derived from land deeded to Texas counties for road purposes.

Finance

SB 952 West

Relating to parental notification of physical fitness assessment results and development of wellness plans for certain public school students.

Education

SB 953 Birdwell

Relating to an exemption for certain persons who sell signs from the requirement to be licensed as an electrician.

Business & Commerce

SB 954 Lucio

Relating to the establishment of school district policies regarding the marketing and commercial advertising of food products on school property.

Education

SB 955 Schwertner

Relating to permissible locations of open-enrollment charter schools created by institutions of higher education.

Education

SB 956 Eltife

Relating to the delivery of personal automobile and residential property insurance policies; adding provisions that may be subject to a criminal penalty.

Business & Commerce

SB 957 Eltife

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